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**CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS**

Why call them Athletes?

So why do we call the participants of the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) athletes?

Good question. An athlete is, in essence, a person who participates in events that require some level of physical effort coupled with a disciplined mental process to achieve a desired outcome. The word athlete comes from the Greek that has an understanding of *contending for a prize*. Well, our athletes do that!

While we traditionally think of athletes involved in what is characterized as more traditional sports, (football, basketball, etc.) I would challenge anyone to go out and compete in all eight of the YHEC events and see if there aren't significant elements of both physical strength and endurance involved. Our athletes do that!

Those who participate in traditional sports may argue the point saying that YHEC doesn't require discipline practice and mastery of physical and mental skills. Again, nothing could be farther from the truth. Participants in YHEC will train to master the disciplines of not only the more physical aspects of the challenge, like archery, shotgun, rifle and muzzle loader...but the equally mentally difficult portion of the competition like orienteering, game identification, and hunter safety. Try remembering what a resection is in map reading, how to identify an animal by its tracks or keep muzzle awareness in the forefront of your mind as you try to overcome an obstacle on the hunter safety trail...and then say there is no intense mental aspect to this sport. Once again, our athletes do that!

Each YHEC athlete will devote hours upon hours of their time to learning the fundamentals of each of the eight activities of the challenge, from the pre-shot routine of the shooting sections to basics of reading signs left by a specific animal.

Intense training, physical effort and mental toughness all are elements of YHEC - and our athletes do that!

Note: The Chapter is organizing a YHEC program to begin in September 2017. The goals include for youth to learn life long skills for hunting safely and responsibly, to have fun with shooting sports and being outdoors, and to host a local YHEC competition next May. If you are interested in learning more about our program but missed the Open House on August 6, contact Meo Curtis at [recordingsecretary@iwlawa.org](mailto:recordingsecretary@iwlawa.org)

Charlie Mello, YHEC Shotgun Instructor



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**Conservation** (Meo Curtis )

***Rain Barrel Sales.*** If you would like a Rain Barrel to capture and store rooftop runoff, we have a limited number of barrels left available at our cost, \$60. This includes all parts needed for connection to your downspout. The remaining barrels will ONLY BE AVAILABLE for pick up at General Membership or Board of Directors meetings. First come, first served. To find out about availability, contact Jeff Deschamps at [jeff.deschamps@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.deschamps@verizon.net).

*Friday August 25.* Two conservation work credit projects.

Gardens Maintenance. Weeding and Mulching. 8:30-11:30 a.m. Meet at the green maintenance shed. Gloves, tools, and water provided. Contact Meo Curtis at [recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org](mailto:recordingsecretary@iwlawac.org)

Adopt-A-Road. 9:30 a.m. -Noon. 8-16 volunteers needed. . We meet at the green maintenance shed. We work unless there is pouring rain or lightning. We plan to cover Mullinix Mill and Long Corner from 108 to the River on both roads. Please pre-register with Judy Riley (301) 980-0457 (call or text) please provide your full name, contact numbers and member# or email the same to [j2\\_iwlawac@verizon.net](mailto:j2_iwlawac@verizon.net)

*Sunday August 27.* Christmas Tree Maintenance. 9:00 a.m. Meet at the green maintenance shed. Contact Lee Cascio at [lccascio@gmail.com](mailto:lccascio@gmail.com).

Women's Outdoor News

I subscribed to this e-newsletter for the Women's Outdoor News early this year and found many interesting articles and features. There is much politics in some of the blogs but also much useful and helpful information specifically for women. And really cool gear! Check it out if you're not already following. <http://www.womensoutdoornews.com/> (Meo Curtis)

08/03/2017

Dear Izaak Walton League,

With the help of your generous donations, I was able to successfully participate in the Natural Resources Careers Camp Program this summer. Before I go into details explaining my experience at Natural Resources Career Camp, I just wanted to thank you all again for giving the scholarship that helped me to go. At that camp I accomplished many things including, overcoming my fear of heights, finding out how to manage land owned by landowners. On the first day, I arrived at camp, everything was so organized. Ms. Gabrielle Oldham (the head of the camp) had our cabins set up with our roommates, and then Mr. Steve Resh (the head curriculum) had our groups set up for the week. The groups ranged from 5-7 students, with a mix of boys and girls of different ages. In my group we had 6 students, including me, and our counselor was Jordan. During the week, we stayed in the same group and every activity we did, we did in groups. Some of the activities include tree identification and then identifying if the tree was in the hardwood area, or softwood area. Typically the trees in the hardwood area were any kind of oak trees, and in the softwood area you would find the pine trees, such as white pine and eastern hemlock. Also, we had to be able to identify where the softwood and hardwood area was because the whole goal was for us to develop a Management Plan for each area by Saturday of that week,

and each area had to be taken care of differently. So we started on Sunday where we met in our various groups and did some planning, and then on Monday we traveled to Casselman Park where we talked with firefighters about how forest fires start, and how they work to put it out. From there we rotated to soil boring where we looked at soil and tell how old it was, and then we left from there to go catch critters in the waters of Casselman Park. Then on Tuesday we stayed in camp, collected data about the trees and had careers night with people who work in the DNR, (Department of Natural Resources). On Wednesday we traveled to Pennsylvania where I got to see a sawmill in real life action, from there we went into Thursday where I conquered my fear of heights by climbing a tree, but then got stuck. I was stuck there for 3 minutes and then got helped down. Lastly on Friday we met with our group's landowner to know how he wanted his land to be managed. By the landowner wanting his property to be managed he gets a tax break on his taxes for that land. After this we put together all what we had gathered and come up with a management plan. That led on to Saturday where my group presented our plan and got good comments. Overall during the whole camp, I learned new things, Conquered fears, and made new friends, and met new people from different counties in Maryland I didn't even know.

Sincerely,  
Clare Ntumsi

**Shotgun Range Roster** (Steve Olsen)

**September, 2017**

Sat	9/2	Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun	9/3	Stephen Meyers
Wed	9/6	Berle Cherney, Ed Shifflett
Sat	9/9	Roman Drews, Gerhard Bartsch
Sun	9/10	Hank Williams, Joel Gross
Wed	9/13	Ron Roberson, Frank Bis
Sat	9/16	Bob Shelley, Jeremy Dvorak
Sun	9/17	Paul and Jake Turska
Wed	9/20	Jay Jeffrey, Mark Lawson
Sat	9/23	Murray Welsh, Doug Chapman
Sun	9/24	Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan
Wed	9/27	Charlie Mello, Larry Buck

Sat 9/30

Jim Shay, Paul Fisher

Substitues:

Dan Ciambora, Jim Crowell, Bob Cumberland, Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji,

Mark Gay, Gary Giambalvo, George King, Rodger Moran, Steve Olsen,

Debbi Perry, Bob Poth, Jim Shay, Maj Tavakoli, Jeff Tokar, Arden Young,



**Clays to Save Chesapeake Bay**

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**Sunday August 27, 2017**

*Proceeds to*

**Potomac-Patuxent Chapter Trout Unlimited**

**No Pre-Registration**  
**Open to the Public**  
**Event Hours - 10:00AM – 3:00PM**  
*(must start shooting by 2:00PM)*  
**Lunch Served 11:30AM – 1:00PM**

**2 rounds Skeet or Trap**

**\$30**

**Lunch and Event Hat or Towel**

**WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update** – ( John Porter)

Activities for the upcoming month:

8/19 Practical Defense Match 9:00AM – 2:00PM Uncovered Pistol Range

8/27 Rifle Pistol Range cleanup. 9:00 AM “ **WORK CREDIT** ‘

9/2 Seneca Valley Rifle Match 8:30 AM – 2:00PM Rifle Range

9/10 DNR Maryland Hunter Qualification 9:00AM 12:00PM Rifle Range

Congratulations to the following graduates of the NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Course:

Al Goldschmidts, Peter Ott, Suzy Floyd, Billy Ramos, Joe Pauley, John Porter.

**NRA Basic Pistol Certification Class (Ladies/Teens)**

The WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee is pleased to announce the offering of the NRA Basic Pistol Certification Class ( for ladies)

LADIES – Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Aunts. This class is for you!

The Ladies/Teens class is open to WAC members and extended family.

This class will be held in two days:

1. Saturday October 14, 8:30AM – 12:00PM in the Upper Chapter Hall. Introduction to Firearms(pistol)

2. Sunday October 15, 8:30AM – 4:00PM. Classroom and hands-on instruction at the range using instructor provided firearms and ammunition.

Lunch will be provided!!

The NRA class will have a cost of \$50.00 per person payable by check on the first day of class.

Please contact John Porter at [porter253@aol.com](mailto:porter253@aol.com) for registration information.

**NRA Basic Rifle Certification Class**

The WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee is pleased to announce the offering of the NRA Basic Rifle Certification Class.

This class is open to WAC members and family ages 12 and up. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the class size is limited for instructor to student ratio purpose.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.

The class will be held in two sessions:

1. Saturday September 30, 8:30 AM – 12:00PM in the Upper Chapter Hall

2. Sunday October 8, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the Upper Chapter Hall and 1:00PM -4:00 PM on the uncovered pistol range.

Day one is an introduction to firearms (Rifle)

Day two will include classroom and hands-on instruction using instructor provided .22 caliber rifles and ammunition.

The NRA class will have a cost of \$50.00 per person payable by check on the first day of class. You must attend the September 30 class in order to participate in the October 8 class. Due to strict NRA registration requirements, walk-ins are not permitted.

If you are interested in attending this class or have any questions please contact John Porter at [porter253@aol.com](mailto:porter253@aol.com) .

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**  
**A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **August 2015** and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation.** If you are not sure as to your status, email Nick at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS**

The following probationary members have Successfully completed their probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Francisco Javier Reyes      Ed Warburton  
Stephen A. Rabil              Edward J. Maynes  
Dan T. Radzykewycz

**Gardens Maintenance Day**  
**5/19/2017**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Laura Friend and Meo Curtis

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Steve Zobel and James Holl

**Adopt-A-Road**  
**6/16/2017**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Martin Kane, Karl Krchma, and Judy Riley

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Robert Shelley and Ed Warburton

**Gardens Maintenance Day**  
**7/21/2017**

**Member:** Meo Curtis

**Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)**

Mark Brandsdorfer, David Hurley, Barbie Briggs,  
and Nathaniel Goonasekeram

**Cowboy Set Up**  
**7/21/2017**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

George Hughes, Chuck Limparis, Chuck Crooks, and Barb Crooks

**Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)**

William Richbourg, Adam Vitelli, Steve Zobel,



and Rick D'Alessandro

**Chapter Range Maintenance Day**

7/30/2017

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Guy Wright, Tom Ouellette, Joe Smith,  
Al Goldschmidts, Joe Pauley, Paul Largent,  
Chuck Crooks, and Barb Crooks

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Ivy Huang and Michael Gibson

**Christmas Tree Maintenance**

7/30/2017

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Catherine Fulton and Garrett Fulton

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Lee Cascio, Paul Hudes, Nelson Torres, Ron Stine,  
Collin Strine-Zuroski, Chris Crider, Ken Koss,  
Francisco J. Reyes, Richard Fulton, Barbie Briggs,  
and Adam Vitelli

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Charlie Mello and John Porter for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting the newsletter on the web in such a timely fashion.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send to Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net) and include some contact info in case there are questions. If you have photographs of chapter events that you would like to share with the membership in the on-line newsletter, please send them to Jim Piateski at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

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